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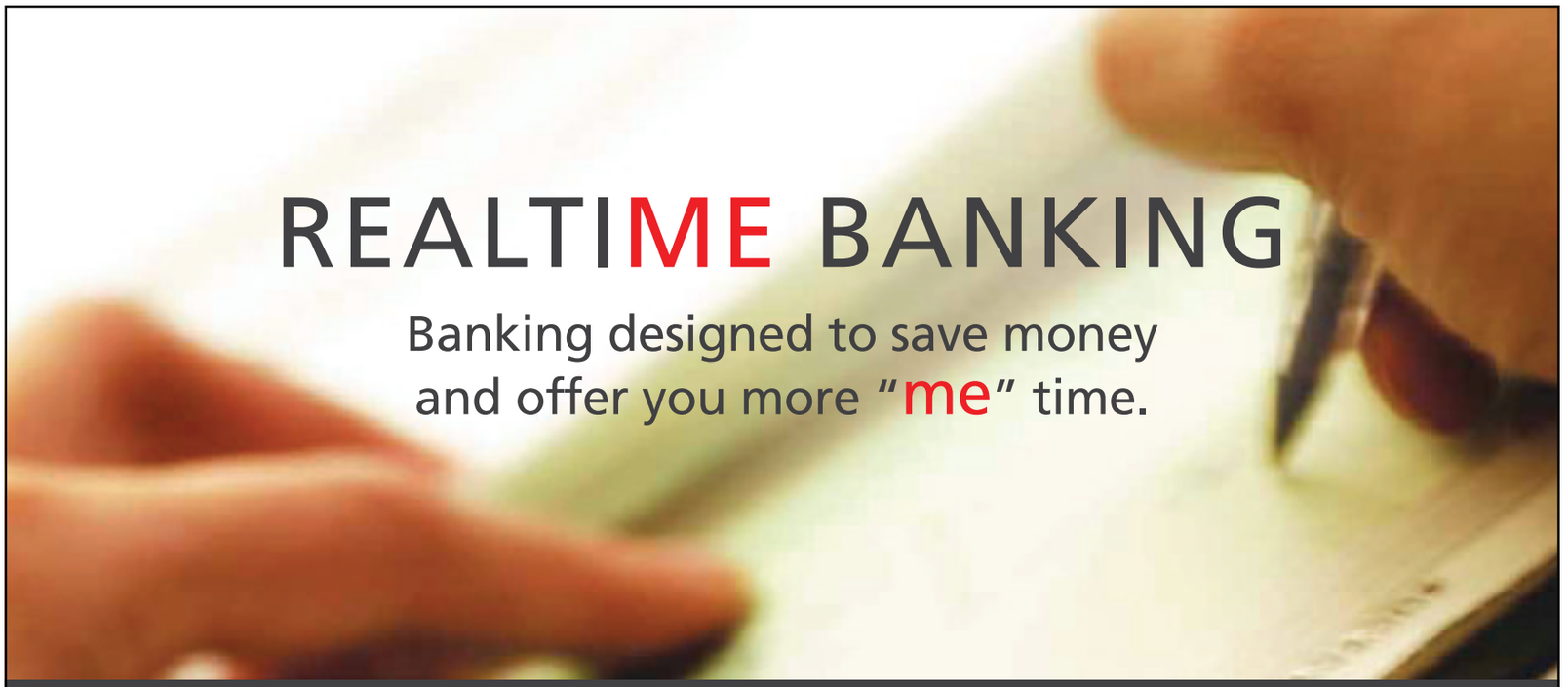

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The Rangers defeated the Senators, 3-2, in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals. Had they lost, No. 1-seeded New York would have been eliminated in a stunning upset. The Blueshirts return to Madison Square Garden on Thursday for the deciding Game 7. {page 29}

DA: Father, son ran sex ring out of livery cars

Queens man and his son hired livery car drivers to ferry prostitutes around city, DA says Women say they were abused, forced to have sex in cabs {page 04}

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Obama doesn't want to wait for GOP to act

President learned a DC truth: If you want something done, you've got to do it yourself Is compromise dead? {page 08}

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Some pitch permits to end 'Wild West' of cheap buses

Permits would regulate where low-cost buses pick up, drop off passengers in the city ● Proposal should please residents who want bus companies to stop clogging their streets and sidewalks ● Buses could be fined if they drop off or pick up in nondesignated spots

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▶ New Yorkers have long complained that buses like Bolt clog the sidewalks with their long lines of passengers.

Right now, cheap interstate bus companies can pick up loads of riders off any sidewalk they choose in New York City — but not for long, if some politicians have their way.

City and state politicians proposed legislation yesterday that would regulate where curbside buses, like Bolt, MegaBus and the so-called "Chinatown buses," can pick up passengers.

Bus lines that advertise themselves as cheap options to cities like Boston and Philadelphia keep costs low by picking up and dropping off on the street, where they do not pay for curb space.

But residents in neighborhoods like Chinatown and Chelsea say the buses — and the never-ending lines of passengers they bring — clog their neighborhood sidewalks and ruin their quality of life.

"This legislation will bring order to the chaos of intercity buses on our streets."
NEW YORK ASSEMBLY SPEAKER SHELDON SILVER

The cheap bus lines operate in what state Sen. Daniel Squadron called a "Wild West atmosphere."

"You have buses idling two, three deep," he told Metro.

"These tour buses idle in front of residential buildings and bring noise, trash and pollution with them."
COUNCILWOMAN MARGARET CHIN

"People's homes and businesses are being blocked by buses, (in) commercial areas, residential areas. The volume of these buses has had a crushing effect on these communities."

Under the new legislation, companies would apply for permits, which would cost up to $275 per vehicle.

Then, the city would be required to provide a 45-day comment period, including asking local community boards for input, before they give a permit. Companies violating the rule would face up to $2,500 in fines.

Bus carriers in the Port Authority criticized the move, arguing that it encourages curbside pickup for just $275, much cheaper than companies who shell out $2 million a year to park and pick up in the Port Authority, said Carolyn Daly, spokeswoman for the Coalition of Port Authority Carriers.

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Bus lines required to be more transparent

The proposed legislation would not only mandate permits. Should it pass, it would also require the bus companies to start providing information as to what kinds of vehicles they use; how many passengers they transport and where they will park when they are not ferrying customers. METRO/AB

$1K
Penalties for buses loading or unloading without a permit, or in violation of the permit, would be $1,000 for a first violation and up to $2,500 for repeat violations, including the option to suspend or revoke a permit.

$275
Permits would cost up to $275 per vehicle

In the news

Woman critical after hit by subway train

A woman is in critical condition after she jumped in front of a subway train at the Herald Square station yesterday. Cops said the woman was hit by a Bronx-bound D train at the station shortly after 10 a.m. She was in critical condition last night at Bellevue Hospital. METRO/AB

In the news

Driver charged

Officials charged an on-duty city bus driver after he allegedly would not let someone off a bus. According to the New York Post, Michael Luca, 29, was holding his ex-girlfriend captive on the BxM9 express bus he was driving at around 8 p.m. Sunday. The newspaper reports that Luca and the woman started fighting, and cops responded to a 911 call, arriving at the scene. But Luca did not allow the woman off the bus, officials said. METRO/AB

Long Island Rail Road bans weekend boozing

LONG ISLAND. Don't count on that late-night drink on your ride home on the Long Island Rail Road.

The LIRR is banning drinks on weekend late-night trains, officials announced yesterday.

The ban will be in place from midnight until 5 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. It was announced after workers were attacked, LIRR president Helena Williams said. Two workers were reportedly attacked by drunk passengers in March. METRO/AB

3 LIRR riders have three more weeks left to drink away while aboard, until the ban goes into effect on May 14.

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▶ No booze after midnight

Assaults on the rise for city's social workers

NEW YORK. Assaults on the city's social workers increased 10 percent last year, according to statistics released yesterday.

Officials from Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeless Services and the Administration for Children's Services reported 61 employees from all three of those agencies were assaulted while doing their jobs last year. That number was 10 percent higher than the 56 workers assaulted in 2010. Officials back a bill that increases the penalty for assaulting a social service employee. METRO/AB

61 social workers employed by the city were attacked last year.

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Father-son team busted in livery prostitution ring

DA: Duo used cars to chauffeur prostitutes in from Pennsylvania to swanky hotels and clubs The team viciously abused women, tattooed them, say police

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▶ The livery car drivers encouraged the women to have sex in the back of the cabs, police allege.

This family business was far from wholesome.

The Manhattan district attorney's office announced yesterday afternoon the arrest of an Allentown, Pa., father-son duo who ran a prostitution ring using livery cars in Midtown.

According to police, Vincent George Sr., 55, who lives in Queens, and his son, Vincent George Jr., 33, an Allentown resident, hired livery car drivers to chauffeur prostitutes from Allentown. They also brought women in from Queens.

The drivers would bring the women to meet with johns at upscale bars and hotels in Midtown Manhattan. The women would also solicit clients outside of strip clubs by handing out business cards under fake names offering their services as "professional masseuses."

The women would then have sex in hotels, apartments and even in the backseats of the livery cars. They charged between $200 and $500 per customer.

Sex trafficking watchdog groups in New York have long warned about the increasing problem of "brothels on wheels," or livery cars being used for prostitution.

$200
The women charged between $200 and $500 per customer, according to police.

The women were given quotas of money they were required to earn every month and were berated if they fell short, they told cops. They also said they were regularly threatened with beatings if they were late or didn't bring in enough cash for the Georges.

"This was not your typical father-and-son business," said NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly. "Vincent George Sr. and Vincent George Jr. exploited women, transporting them from Pennsylvania to johns."

The Georges ran their business for years before they were caught, officials said.

The two converted the cash the women brought into money orders and laundered it through a fake company named Grip Entertainment.

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Women abused, forced to get tattooed

NEW YORK. The Georges would use psychological manipulation and violent domination in an effort to maintain their control over the women, police say.

For example, they branded some of the women with tattoos depicting their hooker names. They even forced one of the women to be tattooed with a bar code as well.

The women say that the father and son were masterminds at psychological abuse, first demeaning the women and later showering them with offers of love and affection.

"Similar to what we see in domestic violence cases, these victims are often emotionally and economically dependent upon their abusers and remain silent as their worlds grow smaller and more dangerous," said Manhattan DA Cyrus Vance. **METRO/CB**

Police coming for johns as well

NEW YORK. Six livery cab drivers, all of whom live in the New York metropolitan area, were also arrested and charged with promoting prostitution. The Georges were both charged with sex trafficking, and police promise they are coming for the johns, too: Those who paid for the services of the women are expected to be charged in the coming days. **METRO/CB**

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FBI concludes its SoHo search for Etan Patz clues

Search yields a single hair and animal bones, now being investigated by FBI Stain on wall being tested for human fluids Feds done tearing up basement on Prince Street, say they have found everything they could

The FBI announced yesterday morning their investigation into the 33-year-old cold case of Etan Patz's disappearance is over — for now.

Patz, 6, disappeared in 1979 on his walk to the school bus stop. He was legally declared dead in 2001, but last week, NYPD and FBI agents reopened the case, blocking off a block along Prince Street in SoHo to investigate a now-abandoned basement cellar where Patz may have played as a child.

FBI agents spent the past five days digging up an 800-square-foot basement at 127B Prince St., in a building at the corner of Wooster and Prince streets that now houses a trendy jeans store.

> **"The FBI has concluded the on-site portion of the search."**
> FBI SPOKESMAN J. PETER DONALD

Agents started looking there after receiving a tip last week. A cadaver-sniffing dog had even picked up the possible scent of human remains inside the basement.

But now, agents said they found everything they could in the cellar.

"The FBI has concluded the on-site portion of the search," FBI spokesman J. Peter Donald said yesterday morning. "The street and local businesses will be reopened."

Agents found a suspicious stain on one of the basement walls. They found a single hair at the site, but it is not blonde, as Patz's hair was. They also found a piece of paper, which they are also investigating.

They also found animal bones buried in the basement, among Chinese food takeout containers, but officials warned those could simply be the remains of someone's dinner.

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What's next in the case?

All the materials taken away from the site will be tested at the FBI's headquarters in Quantico, Va., FBI spokesman J. Peter Donald said.

A piece of a cinderblock wall that may have possible biological evidence on it will also be tested for human tissue and bodily fluids, such as blood or semen.

FBI agents filled two Dumpsters with debris from the basement and those are being taken to a landfill on Staten Island. That debris will be stored not far from the debris gathered after 9/11.

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▶ FBI agents take one last look into the basement at 127B Prince St. yesterday before ending the search.

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David Paterson replaces Sir Paul McCartney's wife

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Where to turn when someone leaves you for a Beatle?

Former New York Gov. David Paterson, if you're the MTA board.

The former governor's newest job — albeit unpaid — is as a member of the transit agency's board.

Paterson's successor, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, announced yesterday that he nominated Paterson for the board.

"Gov. Paterson's energy, expertise and experience will benefit the millions of New Yorkers who rely on the MTA every day," Cuomo said in a statement. "I look forward to working together as we continue to reform the MTA and improve service for New Yorkers."

Paterson fills the void left by Nancy Shevell, who resigned from the board in January after marrying Sir Paul McCartney.

She was appointed in 2001 and called it "the highlight" of her professional career.

Paterson sounded similarly excited by the task.

"I can't say I really ever imagined this would happen, but this governor has asked, and I'm honored," Paterson told the New York Daily News yesterday. "It will be quite exciting."

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'Highlights' of Paterson's term as governor

Paterson was New York governor from 2008 to 2010, in a memorable span of events.

He took over after former Gov. Eliot Spitzer was caught in a prostitution ring and resigned.

Soon after he was appointed governor, Paterson himself told the press, alongside his wife, about an affair he had.

Later, The New York Times reported that one of his aides was accused of domestic violence. Paterson was criticized for his response and intervention in the incident. The aide later pleaded guilty.

He was also fined $62,000 for taking free tickets to a Yankees' World Series game in 2009.

Lately, he has been teaching a college class and hosting a radio show. METRO/AB

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▶ Paterson with his wife, Michelle, at left

Court won't hear rental case

An Upper West Side couple who owns and rents a town house had their request denied by the Supreme Court to hear their case over NYC's rent-stabilization law.

James and Jeanne Harmon are fighting against the law in an effort to end subsidized rent for tenants who they believe can afford a higher rent. According to the New York Daily News, three of the six apartments in their West 76th Street town house are rented out for 59 percent lower than market value. Some of their tenants pay less than $1,000 per month.

James Harmon argued that the rent-stabilization law could be unconstitutional. "The issue is whether the Constitution allows the government to force someone to take strangers into their home and to subsidize them for the rest of their lives," Harmon said.

Harmon specifically cited his tenant, Nancy Wing Lombardi, who pays $1,000 monthly for the apartment she rents from him. She also manages to pay $1,500 each month for a Southhampton home, he said. METRO/CG

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In the arc of history, this is a fairly recent development. But it's one in line with the growing partisanship of politics, and it threatens to nullify the ability of lawmakers to effectively make, well, laws.

Obama, who on the campaign trail criticized George W. Bush for his expansion of the presidential office, has since come around to the idea of a strong executive. After two frustrating years of being stymied at every turn by his political rivals, Obama, according to several high-level administration staffers, decided the toxic D.C. environment could not sustain his open hand. Hope be damned, he launched his "We Can't Wait" policy, designed to force through economic plans like mortgage reform and bureaucratic blockages via recess appointments.

Unsurprisingly, Republicans were displeased. (Though it must be said they made no hay over Bush's unilateral expansion of the federal government's torture policy or surveillance state. Nor, for that matter, have Democrats opposed the new Obama doctrine. Such is politics.)

"If we are to get out of our present paralysis, we need not only strong leadership, but changes in institutional rules," says Stanford professor Frank Fukuyama. The right may criticize Obama for his lack of leadership — and the left for his willingness to compromise on progressive ideals — but paralysis yields neither social progress nor debt reduction. Left or right, we all know something's got to give. The question now is: How much longer can we wait?

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▶ President Obama is now leaning on a Bush tactic to expand the reach of the executive branch. Obama says he's doing it for different reasons, but some still worry it sets a dangerous precedent.

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Fear of security breach as it's revealed Secret Service agents took 21 women back to hotel

The Pentagon has suspended security clearances of military personnel implicated in the Colombia prostitution scandal, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said yesterday.

U.S. Secret Service and military personnel allegedly took as many as 21 women back to their beachfront hotel on the night of April 11-12, ahead of President Barack Obama's trip to the seaside city of Cartagena to attend the Summit of the Americas.

They were discovered when one woman complained about money, leading to the involvement of the local police.

"We have suspended the security clearances of individuals there, pending results of this investigation," Panetta told reporters traveling with him on his flight to Colombia.

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▶ "We expect our people, wherever they are, to abide by the highest standards of conduct," said Defense Sec. Leon Panetta.

"Frankly, my biggest concern is the issue of security and what could possibly have been jeopardized by virtue of this kind of behavior."

Eleven U.S. military personnel have been implicated in the scandal so far, along with 12 Secret Service agents. Within the military, six of them are from the U.S. Army, two from the Marines, two from the Navy and one from the Air Force.

It was not clear how many of those military personnel had security clearances, however. None of them have been charged with any crime at this point.

"Those who had security clearances, those have been suspended," said Pentagon spokesman George Little.

Six Secret Service agents have already left the service in the wake of the scandal.

Hiring prostitutes, no matter the legal status where the act takes place, is prohibited for U.S. military personnel. Those convicted under the military justice system can be imprisoned for up to a year and can be discharged dishonorably. **REUTERS**

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▶ AMR spends three times as much annually on medical benefits as the average lower-cost carrier.

American Airlines starts court battle to abandon deals

American Airlines kicked off a weeklong court hearing on its bid to abandon union contracts, telling a judge yesterday that its bankrupt parent, AMR Corp., cannot survive without major concessions from its labor force.

Hundreds of people, including lawyers and airline workers, filled the courtroom and two overflow rooms in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan for the start of the hearing, as other unionized workers rallied outside the courthouse.

Cordoned off by police, the workers held signs and chanted for fairer work terms and against AMR's plan to cut about 13,000 union jobs.

AMR wants to convince Judge Sean Lane not only that it desperately needs labor concessions, but that its unions have unreasonably rejected prior attempts to negotiate those concessions. AMR filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November, citing uncompetitive labor costs. **REUTERS**

News in brief

Social Security fund to run out of money

WASHINGTON. The government's retirement benefits programs will run out of money three years earlier than previously thought, its trustees said yesterday, increasing the pressure on lawmakers to reform the federal safety net for millions of Americans.

The trustees said the Social Security fund for retirees will become insolvent in 2033. But it said the Medicare funds will run out in 2024, the same forecast as last year. **REUTERS**

Obama unveils fresh sanctions

WASHINGTON. U.S. President Barack Obama unveiled sanctions yesterday against those who help Syria and Iran track dissidents through cell phones and computers and said he would keep adding pressure on both governments to prevent mass atrocities.

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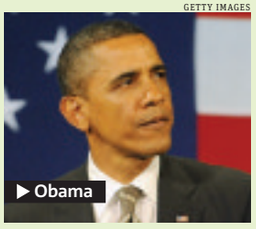

▶ Obama

In a somber speech at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Obama said "These technologies should be in place to empower citizens, not to repress them," he said, announcing new asset freezes and visa restrictions against Syrian and Iranian agencies as well as those helping them access surveillance used to plan violence. **REUTERS**

Damascus and Tehran were monitoring the social media tools that allowed democracy campaigners to organize rallies in the Middle East to plot attacks against opposition groups.

Zimmerman freed from jail in early hours

SANFORD, FLORIDA. George Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watch volunteer charged with second-degree murder in the killing of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin, was released early yesterday from a Florida county jail on $150,000 bail.

Wearing a brown jacket, jeans and carrying a brown paper bag, Zimmerman walked out of the John E. Polk Correctional Facility in Sanford, Florida, moments after midnight after posting bail and meeting other conditions set for his release at a hearing on Friday. **REUTERS**

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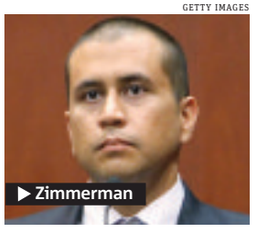

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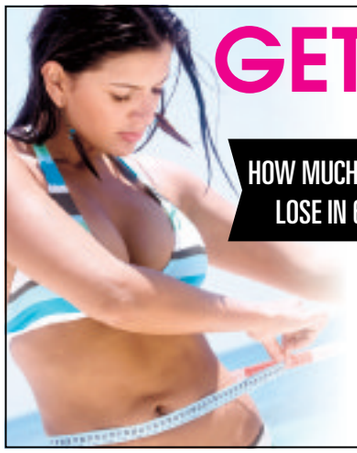

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Victoria Beckham designs special Range Rover

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▶ Question: When is the last time Victoria Beckham even bothered to drive a car without a driver, do you think?

For only $129,000, you can purchase an SUV designed by **Victoria Beckham**.

Because the rich don't have enough nonsense to spend their money on, Range Rover commissioned the former Spice Girl to help design a limited edition of their new SUV, the Evoque. Only 200 of them will be made with a price tag double that of a regular model.

Does it matter that Beckham has zero experience in designing cars? Of course not! "I did a lot of research and not just with cars, old and new, but boats, planes, movie stars, different locations," she told Reuters on Sunday (as when you think of "safety" and "reliability" you automatically think: "Movie stars!").

According to Reuters, the Beckham-designed vehicle features gold accents on the grille and gloss black forged alloy wheels, as well as "vintage-inspired leather seats, rose gold-plated accents and … trimmings of black lacquer, textured aluminum and mohair."

"I want a car that reflects my personality. I'm really proud of this car," she told the Daily Mail.

Funny. You think a car that reflects Beckham would look eternally grumpy and be so tiny you could never fit into it.

Lohan heads to Lifetime

Lohan

Considering how closely her life resembles a bad Lifetime movie, it's only fitting that **Lindsay Lohan** is indeed heading to the network to star as **Elizabeth Taylor** in the Lifetime Original Movie "Liz & Dick."

After much speculation, it was confirmed yesterday that shooting for the made-for-TV film will begin in June in Los Angeles. "I have always admired and had enormous respect for Elizabeth Taylor. She was not only an incredible actress but an amazing woman as well," Lohan said in a statement.

"We are thrilled Lindsay will portray beloved Hollywood legend Elizabeth Taylor," added **Rob Sharenow**, the executive vice president of programming for Lifetime. "She is one of the rare actresses who possesses the talent, beauty and intrigue to capture the spirit of such a provocative icon."

Is Sharenow just effing with us? I mean, come on: "talent, beauty and intrigue"? Considering I've seen Lohan's privates more than my own, where does the intrigue come in again?

Talking points

Handler smacks down Jolie

Chelsea Handler isn't letting go of her grudge against **Angelina Jolie**. When asked in an interview with More magazine who she thinks is the opposite of a girls' girl, Handler says, "Probably Angelina Jolie. She doesn't strike me as someone I would have a close friendship with. You just know as a woman, when you see another woman, if that's a woman you can trust." Last year, Handler — who is close pals with **Jennifer Aniston** — turned heads when she labeled Jolie "a home-wrecker" in an expletive-filled takedown.

▶ Handler

The best line to use on Efron

When **Zac Efron** wants to pick up a girl, he knows just what to say: "'So, do you like 'High School Musical?' I'm kidding!" Efron jokes to Women's Health. "If the situation's right, buy someone a drink. Think on your toes, use what's around you, and come up with something organic and fun." On the other hand, it turns out Efron himself is ridiculously easy to pick up. "A woman called me interesting once, and it kind of blew my mind," he reveals. "She said, 'You're one of the most interesting people I've ever met,' and I was like, 'Wow.' I'm still high on that one."

Witherspoon 'parties' with Theron

Reese Witherspoon, reportedly pregnant with her third child, is still up for a night out. The Oscar-winning actress hit up Chateau Marmont with fellow Oscar-winner — and new mom — **Charlize Theron** this weekend, according to People magazine. The two actresses "genuinely [appeared] to have fun with one another," a source says, adding that Theron sipped wine while Witherspoon stuck with sparkling water. It wasn't a late one, though, as the two reportedly called it a night at 10:20 p.m.

Hutercherson's new puppy

Josh Hutcherson has a new puppy in his life, and when it came time to name it, he went with some A-list inspiration. "I'm obsessed with the movie 'Drive,' and **Ryan Gosling**'s character was named Driver," he tells Us Weekly. "I always thought it was a good name for a dog, so it just kind of worked out." No word if Gosling plans to return the favor by naming a dog Peeta.

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The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Richard Dreyfuss has a confession to make, Adrien Grenier wants more effective airport security, Octavia Spencer is getting a lot of work done on the road and Conan O'Brien can't believe his ears.

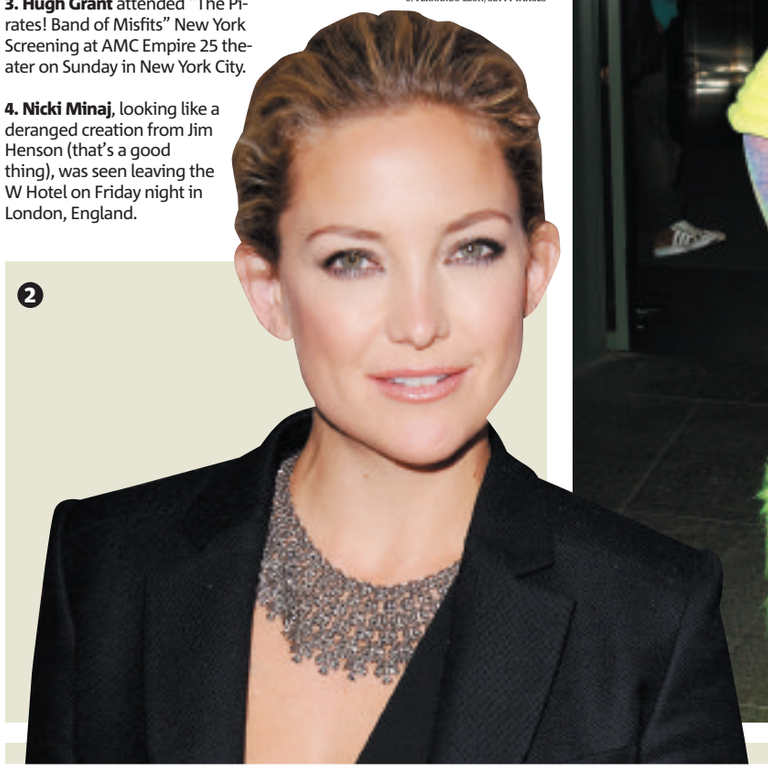
@RichardDreyfuss
For the record: I thoroughly enjoyed the film Last Action Hero.

@adriengrenier
Thanks #TSA for another 'guilty until proven innocent' pat down at the airport. If we sacrifice freedom 4 safety we sacrifice both.

@octaviaspencer
very little tv here in Prague, so I am sure to be productive! still jet-lagged. lots of rain in London

@ConanOBrien
Just heard the craziest recording of Mel Gibson speaking in calm and measured tones.

Grenier



Saying goodbye to 'House,' celebrities take on London — and more!

1. Justin Bieber, surrounded by fans, arrived at Heathrow Airport on Monday in London.

2. Kate Hudson was spotted in South Kensington on Friday in London, England.

3. Hugh Grant attended "The Pirates! Band of Misfits" New York Screening at AMC Empire 25 theater on Sunday in New York City.

4. Nicki Minaj, looking like a deranged creation from Jim Henson (that's a good thing), was seen leaving the W Hotel on Friday night in London, England.

5. Actors **Odette Annable** and **Charlyne Yi** were all smiles at Fox's "House" series finale wrap party at Cicada on Friday in Los Angeles.

6. "Dexter" star **Michael C. Hall** attended the opening night of "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Broadhurst Theatre on Sunday in New York City.

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Summer 101

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This summer, get ahead with college courses

Community colleges offer great opportunities to keep studying and advance your degree at an affordable price What to know before enrolling

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Community colleges are an option if you're looking to accelerate your degree this summer.

Your local community college is an excellent place to pick up some additional credits this summer, even if you're enrolled somewhere else.

Several types of people take advantage of the convenience and low costs of summer courses at community colleges, according to Penny Sawyer, director of admissions at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, Pa.

The biggest group is students who are enrolled in a degree program at a different institution the rest of the year. "They're looking to get a jump start on completing their degrees sooner rather than later, at a more affordable price," Sawyer says.

High school students who want a challenge — and a taste of college-level work — can also benefit from a summer course at their local community college. A third group is recent high school grads who will be entering the community college in the fall, but who want to get a head start on their program.

People going back to school for a master's in a new field may also benefit from economical courses at a community college to take care of prerequisites for their graduate studies. "For instance, if you have a degree in history but plan to go for a master's in nutrition, you'll need to take biology," Sawyer says. "Or if you want to get an MBA, you may need accounting or statistics before you start."

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Know your credits

Students planning to use the credits they earn at the community college for a degree program at a different institution should do their homework in advance. "It's up to the home institution to decide what credits they will accept," Sawyer explains. "It's usually straightforward — we have transfer agreements with many schools in the region — but you should check before you take the class." Some schools may require preapproval, for instance.

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Summer school doesn't have to be traditional

▶ You don't necessarily have to be stuck in a desk this summer.

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If you spent the entire fall and spring semesters in a classroom, consider alternatives for the summer

Because people have other things they want — or need — to do in summer besides attend class, most schools offer a variety of ways to take summer courses. "Summer is not part of the traditional school calendar," says Margi Wallace, director of the Center for Summer Learning at Arcadia University in Pennsylvania. "But there's been a real paradigm shift to going to school year-round. Whether you want to catch up, stay on track or get ahead, taking a summer course may be the answer."

There are a variety of options:

Accelerated classes

Accelerated classes are in-person classes that complete a semester's worth of material in seven weeks, meeting either more days per week or more hours per class. Most schools offer two or three summer terms. If you start a course in May, you can be done by the end of June, and still have two months of summer for working or travel.

Web-based

Online classes enable you to head down to the shore for the summer and still take a class. With online classes, you can do your schoolwork at midnight or at noon, whatever works for your schedule.

Hybrid sessions

Hybrid classes combine in-person sessions — usually at the beginning of the term — with online assignments. If you've never taken an online course, Wallace recommends starting out with a hybrid. "Online requires a lot of discipline, even more so in a seven-week term," he says. "Hybrid courses offer both convenience and structure."

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Top US colleges to offer free classes on the Web

Five prestigious U.S. universities will create free online courses for students worldwide through a new, interactive education platform dubbed Coursera, founders Daphne Koller and Andrew Ng announced last week.

Coursera will offer more than three dozen college courses in the coming year through its website on subjects ranging from Greek mythology to neurology, from calculus to contemporary American poetry. The classes are designed and taught by professors at Stanford, Princeton, the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Michigan.

Coursera joins a raft of ambitious online projects aimed at making higher education more accessible and affordable. Many of these ventures, however, simply post entire lectures on the Web, with no interactive component. Others strive to create brand-new universities from scratch.

The founders say Coursera will be different because professors from top schools will teach under their university's name and will adapt their most popular courses for the Web, embedding assignments and exams into video lectures, answering questions from students on online forums — even, perhaps, hosting office hours via videoconference.

Students will not get college credit. But Coursera may offer "certificates of completion" or transcripts for a fee. The company may also seek to turn a profit by connecting employers with students who have shown aptitude in a particular field, a spokeswoman said.

For their part, participating universities expect to benefit by boosting their reputation overseas, connecting with far-flung alumni and bringing in donations from grateful online students. "It will increase our impact on the world," said Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania. **STEPHANIE SIMON/REUTERS**

Trial and error

In trial classes Coursera hosted this year, the production values were a bit rough.

Scott Page, a political science professor at the University of Michigan, filmed his lectures for a class called Model Thinking. Interruptions forced him to reshoot several segments — and as a result, he looks undeniably grumpy in some takes. A few of his online quizzes contain errors. His slides are sometimes hard to read. From time to time, his dog wanders into the frame.

Yet 30,000 people from around the globe stuck with the class, doing the homework, watching the lectures and chatting with one another in lively discussion forums.

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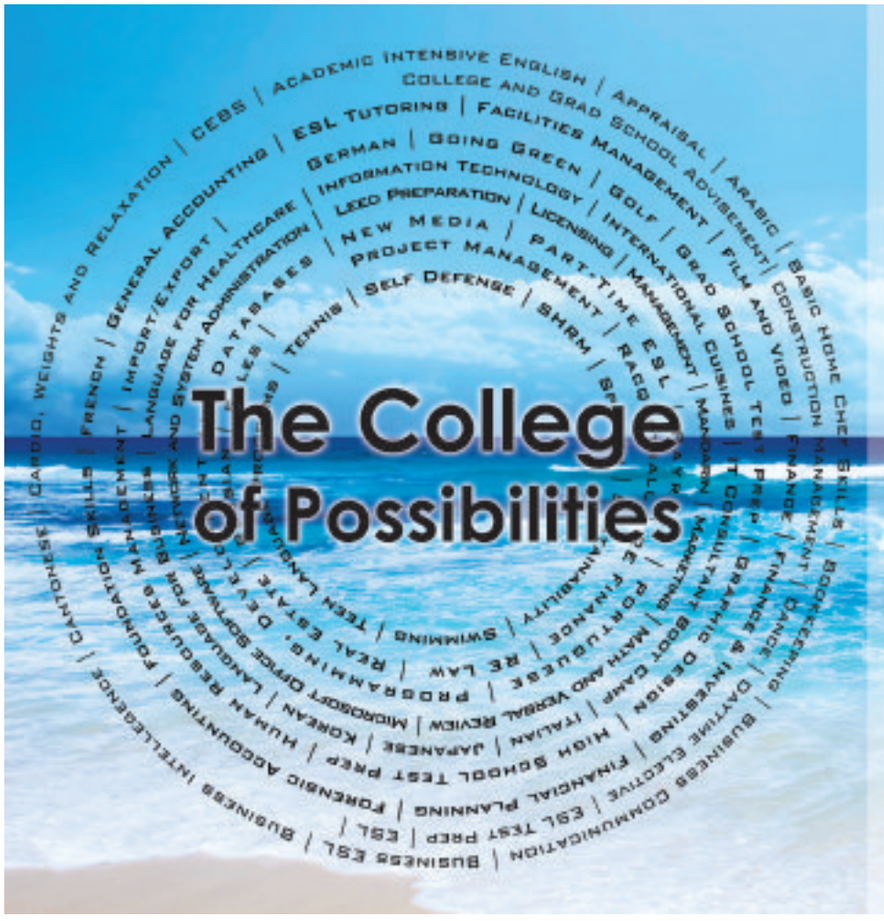

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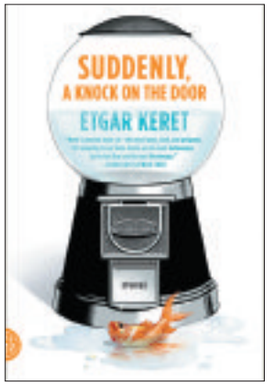
If 'Suddenly, a Knock on the Door,' answer

YANAI YECHIEL

▶ Etgar Keret reads from "Suddenly, a Knock on the Door" Sunday, 6 to 8 p.m., with The Paris Review editor Lorin Stein, PowerHouse Arena, 37 Main Street, Brooklyn.

Great things come in small packages in Israeli writer Etgar Keret's short fiction collection "Suddenly, a Knock on the Door." These slices of contemporary life — unceremonious, candid, raw and affecting — pack a punch in as few as one to two pages, a shot so complete that it leaves a mark on your memory long after. Tense exchanges between parents and children, lovers and even — but maybe especially — strangers expose man's most visceral responses to what triggers his blood to boil and heart to break.



At the same time, the author embraces man's quirks, sometimes even comically naming his characters by these traits. He also masters magical realism. Fabulous metaphors of transformation include a goldfish that grants wishes, a portal to a world where the lies have become truths and a way to replace lovers with the yank of a zipper tab. "I never differentiate the 'magical' moments from the realistic ones," claims Keret. "If [a protagonist] tries to win the heart of the love of his life, the last thing that concerns you as a writer is if he'll break some physical laws in the process."

However otherworldly, the author's stories are often self-reflective. In the two that bookend the collection, the protagonists are boorishly forced by others to write on command — their respective livelihoods depend on it. While the pressures of the outside world weigh similarly on Keret's process, he's ultimately his own worst enemy. "Whenever I torture myself into writing, the result is embarrassingly bad," he says, adding that it's a mistake he continues to make and learn from. But his solution to writer's block is surprisingly passive. "Writing is a gift," he says. "I just find something else to do with my life until a new story presents itself."

This organic approach explains why the focus of Keret's stories shifts from one character's inner workings to another's almost effortlessly. But just as his story lines flow like a stream of consciousness, most of his characters are held captive by their own unfiltered, anxious and reactive thoughts. It's something the author says we're all guilty of. "Even when we think we are living in the 'real' world we keep inventing narratives that exist more in our heads than in the world around us. This isn't necessarily bad provided we create an interpretation which is livable and bearable," he argues.

Conversely, disengaging with the real world can be destructive, a symptom of an underlying despair. Keret's protagonists are often dissatisfied with their present lives, suppressing their instincts, desires and/or true identities in order to please others. However, the author asserts that compromise, to some extent, is a price of admission worth paying in most relationships, "especially if the alternative is loneliness … which I always personally found too difficult and sad to handle."

But how has Keret managed so brilliantly to keep a sense of humor in these tales of bitterness, impermanence and loss? "Humor is like those air bags they have in cars," he says. "In cases of accidents it activates itself. I don't think we could have survived without it."

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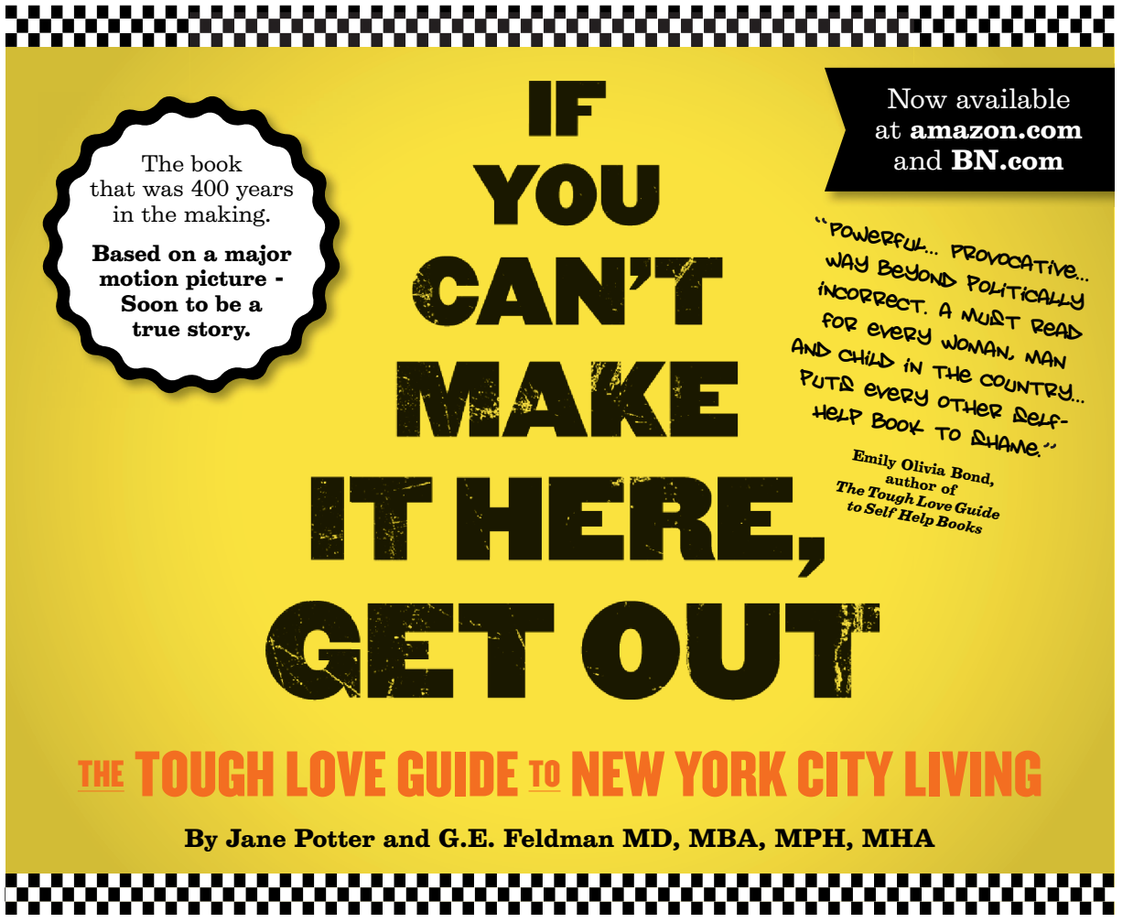
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Top docs at the Tribeca Film Festival

- In the thick of the festival, we recommend the top true-life stories you won't want to miss
- Some of the downtown fest's best films are the documentaries
- Here are a few of our favorites that you can still catch this week

'Ballroom Dancer'

Slavik Kryklyvyy was the World Latin Dance Champion in 2000 when paired with his girlfriend, Joanna Leunis, but lost the crown when he moved on to a new dance partner. Ten years later, Kryklyvyy is working toward a comeback with his newest dance partner and girlfriend, Anna Melnikova, but his unwavering determination for success could make the possibility of failure just as likely as victory.

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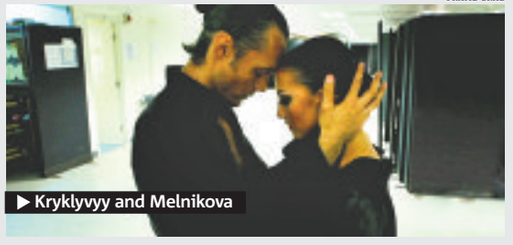
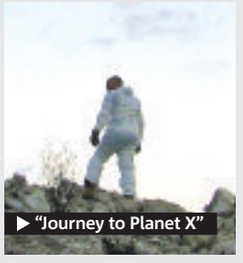


▶ Kryklyvyy and Melnikova

'Journey to Planet X'

Two science nerds in Florida have a unique passion — making DIY sci-fi films in a basement with a green screen. This doc follows the pair as they set out to make their unintentionally hilarious dreams come true.

JOURNEY TO PLANET X



▶ "Journey to Planet X"

STORYLINE ENTERTAINMENT

▶ Miss India contestants line up to be judged in the swimsuit round.

'The World Before Her'

Nisha Pahuja follows two women competing in the Miss India pageant while also documenting the world of Durga Vahini, the women's wing of the Hindu fundamentalist movement. The two worlds juxtaposed create a fascinating portrait of what it is to be a female in India today.

'Let Fury Have the Hour'

With Occupy Wall Street back on, it's perfect timing to catch Antonino D'Ambrosio's debut film about how artists and writers have channeled political dissent into brilliant works of art. Notable interviews from the film include Lewis Black, Shepard Fairey and Chuck D.

'Broke'

How do some of the country's most venerated and well-paid athletes go bankrupt only years after achieving big-time success? Director Billy Corben elicits vulnerable confessions from those who have lived the high life and, due to excessive spending, medical bills and a host of other reasons, have gone from flush to broke in under a decade. **HEIDI PATALANO**

BROKE

▶ "Broke"

TV watch list

'90210'

DRAMA. If Naomi has to struggle so hard to convince her friends that fiance PJ is "the one," maybe she should take the hint. **8 p.m., The CW**

'The L.A. Complex'

DRAMA. The title screams "Melrose Place" but the concept is more akin to "Fame," as young performers living at "The Lux" motel try to make it big in Hollywood. **Series premiere, 9 p.m., The CW**

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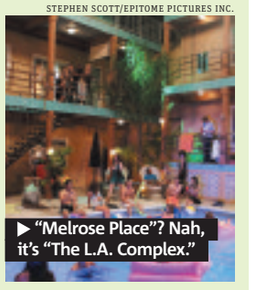

▶ "Melrose Place"? Nah, it's "The L.A. Complex."

'Doomsday Preppers'

REALITY. These preppers could be considered hoarders, except they'll be the only ones who survive once the apocalypse arrives because the rest of us were loafing around watching "Hoarders." **Season finale, 9 p.m., National Geographic**

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Race issues are revisited in Norris' 'Clybourne Park'

Pulitzer-winning playwright Bruce Norris borrows the fictional Chicago neighborhood from 'A Raisin in the Sun' to make his own wry cultural observations

NATHAN JOHNSON

From left: Jeremy Shamos, Damon Gupton and Crystal A. Dickinson star in "Clybourne Park," now on Broadway.

"Clybourne Park," the fictional Chicago neighborhood and white bastion invaded by the Younger family in Lillian Hellman's "A Raisin in the Sun," has been zoned for Broadway — and you might want to take note. Bruce Norris' Pulitzer Prize-winning play, with the expert cast from its off-Broadway run intact, continues to radiate wit and insight as it takes on, in the tradition of Hellman's classic, the thorny issues of race and housing.

If you go

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Norris offers no easy answers, just trenchant observations. Russ (Frank Wood) and Bev (Christina Kirk), a white couple who have sold their Clybourne Park home to an African-American family after their son's suicide, are visited by Karl (Jeremy Shamos), a Community Association representative trying to undo the transaction.

Fifty years later, as the all-black neighborhood is being reclaimed by whites, Steve (Shamos) and Lindsey (Annie Parisse) have bought the same house and are meeting with Owners Association representatives Lena (Crystal A. Dickinson) and her husband Kevin (Damon Gupton) about the height of the construction they are planning.

In Act I, Kirk overplays Bev's airheadedness, which might be funny in small doses but is cloying in large. Still, this doesn't diminish the cohesiveness of the excellent company, whose members play brilliantly off each other in both acts and eras. Norris' dialogue rings with truth and humor throughout. His genius in juxtaposing two epochs in the same house shows how far we've progressed on matters of race and, more pointedly, how far we haven't.

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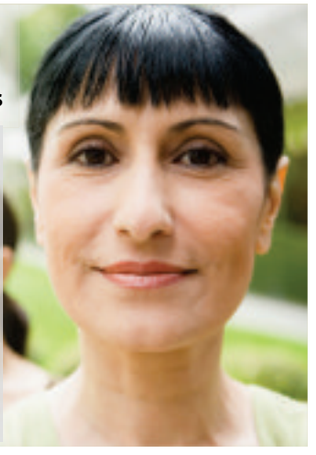

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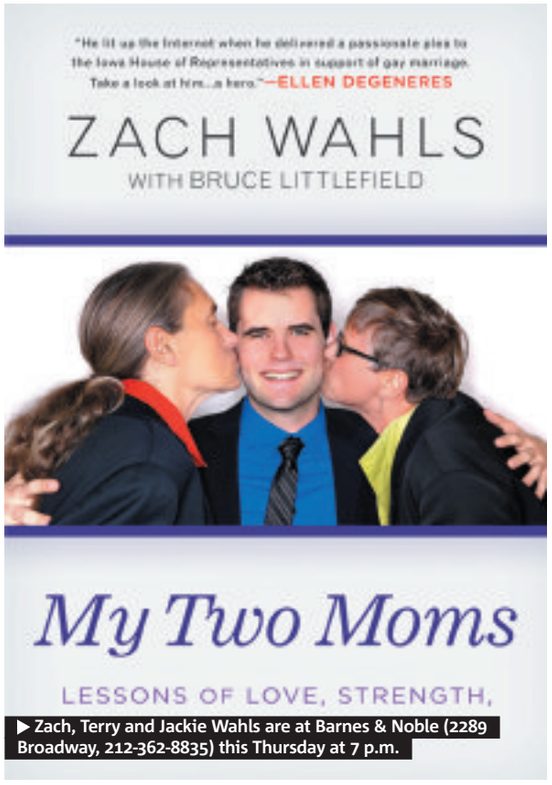
Redefining what it means to be a family

Zach Wahls lit up YouTube last year with his speech to the Iowa House Judiciary Committee in favor of same-sex marriage. Wahls is understandably passionate about the issue: He was raised in Iowa, with his biological sister, by a lesbian couple. His powerful conclusion that "the sexual orientation of my parents has had zero effect on the content of my character" drew legions of supporters and fans, and the now-20-year-old is sharing his experiences in a new book, "My Two Moms: Lessons of Love, Strength, and What Makes a Family" (out Thursday). He spoke with Metro about his journey thus far.


"He lit up the Internet when he delivered a passionate plea to the Iowa House of Representatives in support of gay marriage. Take a look at him...a hero."—ELLEN DEGENERES
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▶ Zach, Terry and Jackie Wahls are at Barnes & Noble (2289 Broadway, 212-362-8835) this Thursday at 7 p.m.

How did your speech in front of the Iowa House of Representatives come about?
In 2009, I was the columns editor for my high school newspaper. That spring the Supreme Court rules in this unanimous decision in Iowa to legalize same-sex marriage. I was really happy about that, so I wrote a column that was noticed by the law firm that had litigated Varnum v. Brien, the lawsuit that resulted in the legalization of same-sex marriage in Iowa. I met the communications director, and I didn't hear from her for a year. Then, all of a sudden, I got a Facebook message, an e-mail and a phone call on a Thursday afternoon saying, "There's this hearing on Monday, can you make it?" So I wrote my testimony over the weekend and then showed up on Monday night. By Wednesday, the video was starting to blow up. By Friday, the video was on its way to becoming the No. 1 YouTube political video of 2011. I still have difficulty wrapping my head around the whole thing sometimes.

'Pivotal moment'

"This election in the fall is going to be probably the most pivotal moment of this entire chapter of Iowa's history," Wahls says. "If we can get through this election cycle to 2014 without a constitutional amendment passing through the Iowa general assembly, it's gonna be probably just clear sailing from there on out, because by that point, by the way the polling data is looking, hearts and minds are being one on this issue. Iowans are embracing love and commitment over fear and isolation."

Is your life much different now?
It is and it isn't. I spend a lot less time actually at my apartment in Iowa City. I made some new friends, but I'm still hanging out with the same guys, doing the same things. In some ways things are different, but in the majority of ways that matter most, they're the same.

Ellen DeGeneres called you a hero when you appeared on her show. How did that feel?
It's a label that makes me kind of uncomfortable sometimes, but I think more to the point, it's a testament to the values that my moms instilled in me and the effort they put in to raise my sister and me. I feel incredibly blessed to have the parents I have.

Has your father, with whom you don't have a relationship, reached out to you since all this has happened?
He was an anonymous sperm donor. We don't have any idea who he is — he doesn't even know that we exist. I think it would certainly be interesting to meet him and learn more about him, but I don't have any interest in seeking him out.

What do you hope readers take away from this book?
I hope people understand the love and commitment that my moms have for each other, but also the love and commitment that binds us as a family. My hope is that this book is able to serve as a reminder that we are more alike than different.

Q&A

Why did you dedicate the book to your younger sister, Zebby?
I wanted her to know just how much she means to me and how important it was for me to have her along for the ride. But then also, more metaphorically, she's one of the kids that I'm trying to talk to with this book. The reason I decided to write the book was because I think that there is misinformation, so many myths and stereotypes being perpetuated by some people, that other young kids who have LGBT parents need to know — that despite what some of the talking heads on TV might say, they aren't damaged goods or child abuse victims or brainwashed or whatever. And that's an important message I think to hear from one of us. Your parents are not gonna be the most unbiased forces, so I think having one of our own stand up and speak this truth, the power is really important.

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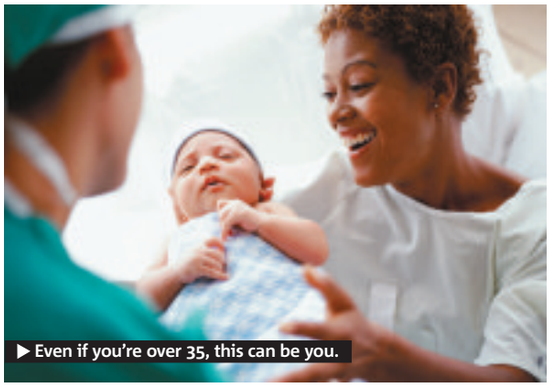
10 Little-known fertility facts

Dr. Jean Twenge dispels some myths about babymaking in her new book, "The Impatient Woman's Guide to Getting Pregnant." In honor of Infertility Awareness Week, we're sharing some of her findings.



▶ Even if you're over 35, this can be you.

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1 If you can predict your ovulation, you can get pregnant very quickly — usually within three months — even if you're over 35. Many sites say you have only a 5 percent to 20 percent chance of getting pregnant each cycle, but you can increase those odds considerably by keeping track of ovulation.

2 The day of ovulation is not the most fertile day of the cycle. The two days before ovulation are the most fertile. This means that the instructions for ovulation predictor kits and fertility monitors are off by a day.

3 The statistic that one-third of women over 35 will have fertility issues is based on a study of birth records from 1700s rural France — a time before modern medicine, birth control and possibly soap. Studies of more recent populations find that only 18 percent were not pregnant within a year, and that about half of these women will get pregnant in the second year of trying.

4 You won't decrease your chances of getting pregnant by "trying too hard" or worrying about your fertility. Stress has to be pretty extreme before it affects fertility.

5 Even so, stressing about fertility is no fun. To keep your sanity, you'll want to use some stress-busting techniques. For example, learn the technique of controlling your breathing to make yourself calm when you start to freak out.

6 The best diet for fertility follows the acronym SOS: spinach (representing vegetables, fruits and whole grains), olives (for the olive oil, nuts and fish of a Mediterranean diet) and salmon (for lean protein, especially fish high in omega-3 fatty acids).

7 Tests of "egg count" (FSH, AMH, Plan Ahead or ultrasounds for ovarian reserve) are virtually useless for predicting whether you can get pregnant naturally. Your egg count predicts how many eggs doctors might be able to retrieve during fertility treatments such as IVF, but research shows it doesn't matter much for getting pregnant at home as long as you're still having regular cycles.

8 The usual advice about how to conceive a boy versus a girl (having sex far from ovulation if you want a girl and close if you want a boy) is wrong. According to the latest research studies, the opposite timing actually works better.

9 Some supposedly fertility-enhancing supplements you may have heard about online or in books can actually make fertility worse instead of better. (Two examples are Vitex/chasteberry and L-arginine.)

10 Other vitamins and supplements do enhance fertility — specifically folic acid, moderate amounts of vitamin B6 and omega-3 fish oil.

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Parenting notes

Shop for a cause

The folks at the March of Dimes are making it easier than ever to get involved with their foundation, which supports mother-baby health. Now through June, when you shop at the organization's partners like Destination Maternity, Kmart and ProFlowers, you have the opportunity to donate to the cause as part of the foundation's new imbornto campaign. Visit **www.marchofdimes.com/imbornto** for details.

Help end child abuse

The third annual CAPP Safe Kids 5K, hosted by The Child Abuse Prevention Program, winds through Prospect Park this Saturday. Stick around for a kid's fun run, refreshments, music and family-friendly activities. Your $25 entrance fee goes toward CAPP's Child Safety Workshop, which uses puppets to teach NYC kids how to protect themselves against abuse. Learn more at **www.5k.cappnyc.org.**

Now you no longer have to cover their ears

You (and just about everyone you know) were likely obsessed with last year's parenting "bible," "Go The F— to Sleep." Now, the book's author and illustrator are back with "Seriously, Just Go To Sleep," a totally PG version that lets wee ones get a glimpse at what all the fuss was about (minus the dirty words, of course). **$16, www.amazon.com**

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Letters

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What would happen if more could vote?

RE: "WHY AREN'T ELECTIONS HELD ON HOLIDAYS?": If elections were held on a holiday, the voter turnout would be a joke. People would not be able to leave their states or districts to travel to visit family or go away on vacations around holiday time. That doesn't appear to be a democracy to me. **MARGARET MCCORMICK, VIA E-MAIL**

One reason could be that it would make it easier for working people to get to the polls, and that may change everything. **JANICE QUIRK, VIA E-MAIL**

I agree with Joan Sage's suggestion that we should have elections on holidays — or at the very least, on weekends. I also believe we should end the electorial college and stop publicly funding party primaries. The problem is the Catch-22 of relying on elected officials to do it, when they benefit from no changes being made in our electoral process. **DARYLE LAMONT JENKINS, VIA E-MAIL**

Federal government pays for services

RE: "GOVERNMENT CAN'T EVEN RUN A BUDGET": Mr. St. George insults my education and knowledge, but he apparently can't read a letter. There was nothing in my letter about U.S. foreign policy, only about the lengthy and successful history of the federal government's investment in the economic development of our country. So much of our support infrastructure (electronic grid, railroads, highways, airports, dams, canals, etc.) would not have been possible if left entirely to the private sector. Mr. St. George needs to do more studying. **KATHY KOURIAN, VIA E-MAIL**

Frank St. George makes a compelling case — for remedial primary education, especially when he starts blaming "government-run schools" for the sorry state of American education. I would blame him and his ilk, who insist on a single, retrograde view of our government and the world. Fanaticism like that is what leads to car bombs and crazed snipers. **JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE**

Republicans want to cover up the record on government debt. Democrats held the balance of power in D.C. from 1933 to 1980 and left with a debt just under $1 trillion. The Reagan and Bush presidents then ran the debt up to $10 trillion and left Obama with an annual deficit of more than $1 trillion. In 1968, the Dems in Congress passed a tax to help pay for the Vietnam War. Bush put two wars entirely on a credit card for the kids to pay off. **HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL**

Romney no better, but both are bad

RE: "GIVE OBAMA A BREAK; ROMNEY'S WORSE": While I will admit Romney may not be any better than Obama, I will not "give Obama a break." Obama is not helping the lower-middle class because he does not understand economics. If a person has very little money to begin with what will printing money and keeping low interest rates by the Fed do to that person's wealth? It will make them poorer because their dollars will be worth less than before. **KELLY DONNOE, LYNBROOK**

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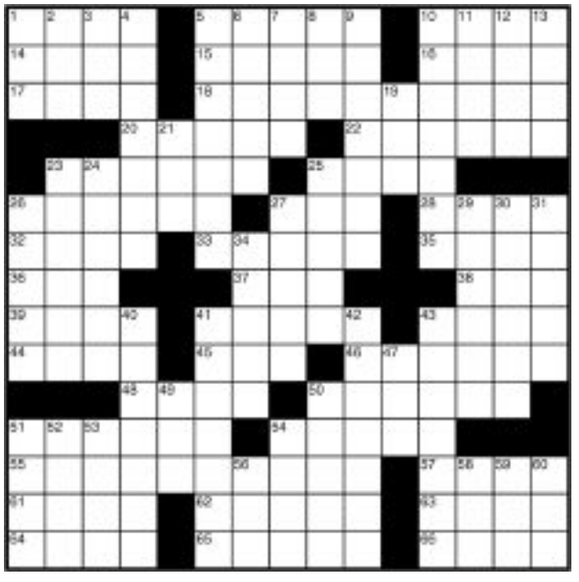
Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Because material conditions are holding steady at this point in time, there's a strong likelihood that you could have a little surplus in hand. Why not get yourself something special?
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If you are planning on going someplace where you could run into someone you're anxious to impress, take extra time to primp a bit. Feel good about yourself, and others will too.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Follow your compassionate instincts when they urge you to do something nice for another. However, it's important that you do so with as little fanfare as possible if you want to make the correct impression.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A huge hope or an expectation might be fulfilled through the good auspices of an old friend. Be sure to acknowledge with proper gratitude all that he or she does for you.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There's a strong possibility that you could learn a very valuable lesson: Happiness is not based on how much you possess, but by interacting with loving people whom you respect.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You never underestimate the power of kind words, and you'll use them to bolster the spirits of another who is down on his or her luck. What you offer will be the encouragement that is needed.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** One of your biggest breaks will come from being in the right place at the right time in order to profit from some solid foundations laid by others.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You'll be amazed at how giving others the benefit of the doubt actually profits you. Its magic works in your favor with all your relationships.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Take advantage of every opportunity you get that can put you on better terms with co-workers. Now's the time to amass a huge surplus of goodwill.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Cupid is singling you out for special attention by making it possible for you to attract the regard of someone who may have never noticed you previously. Just be yourself and everything will fall into place.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There is no one better than you at sorting out complicated developments. Now is the time to figure out you need to attract someone who'll be as focused as you are.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Because you'll coat your requests in a hint of sugar, others will be more likely to do your bidding. However, you'd better follow through. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Stay smart

Much of Antigua's coast is rocky, so make sure your beachfront hotel is truly on the sand and not perched on a cliff. Snuggled into an inlet along the island's quieter southern coast and backed by a tropical rainforest, Carlisle Bay resort features a powdery beach steps away from every one of its suites, all of which have ocean views. The resort is carefully designed to accommodate both families and couples, with designated meal times for children, around-the-clock day care and family-style room accommodations.

Weather warnings

Don't be intimidated by a rainy forecast. Weather.com will likely predict a 100 percent chance of showers every day, but these rarely last long enough for you to move under your beach umbrella.

Somehow, the Beach Boys forgot to name-check the sun-soaked Caribbean island of Antigua At only six hours away, it offers a much-closer tropical fix

There's a reason Europeans in search of serious sun flock to Antigua — or, more accurately, 365 reasons. The Caribbean island proudly boasts a "beach for every day of the year," and with temperatures hovering around 75-85 degrees year-round, there's no shortage of time to enjoy each and every one of them.

Considering it's only a six-hour flight from New York, it's about time we crashed this beach party.

Eat this

Antigua has a rich food culture that mixes traditional island cuisine with that of its former English colonists, along with plenty of Jamaican influences. For more adventurous eaters, roadside food stands serve up piles of jerk meats and plantains. If you'd prefer some comfort take-out, the island is also host to many Chinese restaurants where the menu will look familiar. But you can't leave before trying the island's storied "black pineapple." With darker skin than the fruit you'll find in supermarkets, its flesh is pale and smoothly sweet with hints of rich, creamy coconut. They don't grow enough to export stateside, so get your fill — or get sneaky with customs.

Shop this

If you start to miss city life, pay a visit to Antigua's capital, St. John's. Buzzing with a warm island energy, Market Street is packed with restaurants, boutiques and fruit and veggie vendors. While it's no longer open to the public, the looming St. John's Cathedral is worth a walk-by. It's fallen into disrepair — it has, after all, been standing since 1845 and seen its share of earthquakes — but the graveyard is now used as a kind of spooky city park.

Gawk at this

▶ English Harbour

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Once a base for the British navy, English Harbour is now home to some major yachts. The best way to gawk is to charter a speedboat ride. Not only can you get an up-close look at some of the most opulent boats in the world, but along the way your guide can also point out some of the impossibly posh seaside homes of celebrities including Eric Clapton and Giorgio Armani.

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Gourmet wine country getaway in Napa

Come Mother's Day weekend, spend Saturday sampling **Domain Carneros**' famous sparkling wines at its fairy-tale winery during Mother's Day Tea (May 12; $55). On Sunday, head to San Francisco (just an hour's drive from Napa) for **Parties That Cook's Mother's Day Cooking Class Brunch** at the historic Ferry Building, a downtown landmark turned upscale gourmet marketplace; the upbeat, hands-on class also includes a glass (or two!) of sparkling wine (May 13; $85).

A jazzy weekend in Pennsylvania

Eastern Pennsylvania's family-oriented **Skytop Lodge**, set amidst 5,500 acres in the Pocono Mountains, is throwing a double-whammy celebration the weekend of May 11-13 in honor of Mother's Day and the resort's own 84th anniversary, including a thoughtful welcome gift, moms-only fitness classes, complimentary day camp for the kids and the fabulous **Mother's Day Jazz Brunch**, featuring a 16-piece orchestra and a complimentary orchid. Automatic access is granted to in-tandem anniversary events, including a glamorous, white-glove outdoor picnic; a butler-catered wine and seafood reception; family photo sessions with classic cars; and a special five-course dinner.

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BACK TO BROADWAY

Rangers stay alive with win on the road in Ottawa ◗ Senators score first, Blueshirts put up three goals in second ◗ Even series at 3-3, with deciding Game 7 coming up Thursday

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▶ Ryan Callahan, center, celebrates with Marian Gaborik after Derek Stepan, right, scored the game's first goal in the second.

3 RANGERS

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The Rangers played a more physical game than they had in the last few contests. After the ugly Game 2 in which Carl Hagelin was suspended they lost a little edge. But they had 32 hits on the Senators in Game 6 and Brandon Prust even got a fighting major.

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In the news

Gov. slams Nets

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie had some parting words for the Nets as they played their final game in his home state last night.

"They want to leave here and go to Brooklyn? Good riddance," Christie was quoted as telling the AP.

The Nets will play in the Barclays Center in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, next season. They played in New Jersey for 35 seasons. They won zero titles.

The Rangers' future saved the Rangers' present.

Derek Stepan finished with three points and Chris Kreider scored his first NHL goal in the Rangers' 3-1 win over the Senators in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals series last night in Ottawa.

The series is tied 3-3. Game 7 is Thursday night at the Garden. Brad Richards had a goal and an assist.

Henrik Lundqvist made 25 saves in earning his second shutout of the opening series.

Stepan ended Craig Anderson's shutout streak at 145:37 with a second-period power-play goal that tied the game at 1-1.

Richards' 5-on-3 power-play laser over Anderson's stick would be the eventual game-winner. It was only Richards' second goal of the postseason

Kreider snapped a laser with 40 seconds left in the period to push the Rangers' lead to 3-1.

Chris Neil and Jason Spezza scored for Ottawa.

Neil scored with just over 30 seconds left in the game, on a call which angered Lundqvist. It appeared as though Neil made a kicking motion during a scramble in front of the net, but the officials reviewed the goal and let it stand. It wouldn't matter.

Anderson made 19 saves in net for the Senators.

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Kreider scores

Just 17 days go, Rangers left wing Chris Kreider was celebrating an NCAA championship after Boston College beat Ferris State. Kreider scored three goals and one assist in the postseason.

Last night, he scored his first career NHL playoff goal. And first NHL goal, period. He's yet to play in anything but the playoffs.

ON TV THURSDAY

Rangers vs. Senators
Game 7 Time TBD, MSG

What went right for New York ...

1 The kids are all right — Youth was served in the Rangers' Game 6 win. Derek Stepan, just 22 years old, tallied three points including the game-tying goal. Chris Kreider, 20, sniped his first career goal in the second period and Artem Anisimov, 23, displayed his mix of power and skill.

2 Finally paying off — Brad Richards was dominant. He scored the game-winning goal and added an assist as well. When he was signed in the offseason, the Rangers were counting on him to be a huge goal-scoring force for them. It didn't really happen in the regular season and he'd had just one goal in the postseason until last night. But the $60 million center won faceoffs and played with an edge in taking Game 6.

3 Feeling pretty special — The Rangers' special teams were special. Stepan and Richards both scored power-play goals for a unit that had been rough to say the least. Stepan's marker came 8:55 into the second period, while Richards tallied his with just under three minutes left in the same period. On the other side, the penalty kill unit killed four straight man disadvantages, including a crucial one late in the third period.

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Devils pair could be in final game

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▶ Brodeur

A loss tonight wouldn't just mean an end to the Devils' season, it could very well be the end of two greats' careers.

Martin Brodeur and Zach Parise could conceivably be playing their final games in New Jersey.

Brodeur has said he doesn't plan to retire, but he hasn't exactly said he plans to return either.

"Careerwise I don't feel it's going to be the last of it," Brodeur told reporters Sunday. "But I think opportunitywise you never know. Who knows what kind of position we're going to be in this time next year?"

Brodeur, 39, is a first ballot Hall of Famer whenever he decides to hang up his skates. He's won the Stanley Cup three times (1995, 2000, 2003), Olympic Gold twice, the Vezina Trophy, for the league's best goalie, four times and a few dozen league statistics records.

Brodeur is a free agent after the season, but would likely retire instead of switch teams.

Parise is a different case. He's a free agent after the season and hasn't made it clear whether he wants to return long-term to the team that drafted him in 2003. He would be a top target for several teams.

He said he won't comment on his future until after the playoffs are over. That time could be coming sooner rather than later for both players.

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3 STORYLINES TO WATCH

Game 6: New Jersey vs. Florida, Prudential Center
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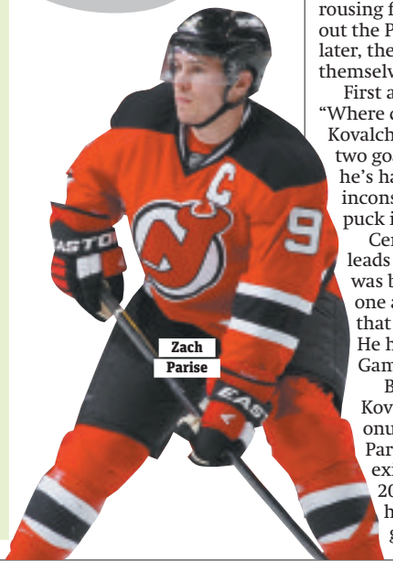

Zach Parise

1 Find some consistency on the offensive end

In Game 4, the Devils scored a rousing four goals and shut out the Panthers. One game later, they were shut out themselves.

First and foremost on the "Where did he go?" list is Ilya Kovalchuk. He's scored just two goals in the series. But he's hardly alone in being inconsistent putting the puck in the net.

Center Travis Sajac, who leads the team in scoring, was brilliant in a one goal, one assist performance in that 4-0 win in Game 4. He had zero points in Game 5.

But outside of Kovalchuk, much of the onus falls on Zach Parise. Parise was nonexistent in Game 5. In 20 minutes of ice time, he had zero shots on goal.

2 Will the real Martin Brodeur please stand up?

When Devils coach Peter DeBoer pulled future Hall of Famer Martin Brodeur in Game 3 after 22 minutes, he said Brodeur would be right back in net in Game 4. He responded with his 24th career postseason shutout — a new record.

It didn't turn out to be a turning point in the series as DeBoer might have hoped.

He wasn't bad in Game 5, but he wasn't the great Brodeur either. Those days may be behind Brodeur for the most part, but he might need to rekindle them for at least a couple games if the Devils want to advance in this series.

3 Is Jose Theodore now the man in net?

The Panthers began the series with Scott Clemmensen in net, but after a sterling performance by Jose Theodore in net in Game 5, Theodore is supposed to get the start again in Game 6.

"We don't want Theodore to feel comfortable in net," Kovalchuk said. "You know when we have traffic in front of him, he gives up a lot of rebounds. We just have to take advantage of it."

Theodore had his second career shutout in Game 5, but he's not exactly a sure thing. He had a 2.46 GAA in the regular season and a 22-16 record.

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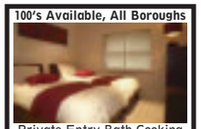

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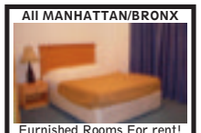

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